# Falkirk Foodbank SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC043763

## Details

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| **Status** | Active |
| **Legal form** | SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) |
| **Registered** | 2013-02-06 |
| **Register** | View on the OSCR register |

## Contact

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| **Address** | Unit 1 Tamfourhill Industrial Estate<br>Tamfourhill Avenue<br>Falkirk<br>FK1 4RT |
| **Website** | www.falkirk.foodbank.org.uk |

## Activities

**Activities:** 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** 'the prevention or relief of poverty','the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

**What the charity does:** The prevention or relief of poverty in Falkirk and surrounding areas in particular but not exclusively by providing emergency food supplies to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty. and to provide services to people who have need of them by reason of their age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage by signposting them to additional support services.

**Beneficiaries:** 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

**Objectives:** The organisation is established for charitable purposes only, and in particular, the objects are: 4.1 the prevention or relief of poverty in Falkirk and surrounding areas in particular but not exclusively by providing emergency food supplies to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty. 4.2 to provide services to people who have need of them by reason of their age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage by signposting them to additional support services.

## Geography

- **Main operating location:** Falkirk
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2025-03-31 | £91,718 | £78,738 | - | 1 |
| 2024-03-31 | £100,339 | £99,868 | - | 0 |
| 2023-03-31 | £111,521 | £86,306 | - | 0 |
| 2022-03-31 | £82,463 | £72,221 | - | 0 |
| 2021-03-31 | £148,954 | £60,927 | - | 1 |

# Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC043763

# Report of the Trustees and

# Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

for

# Falkirk Foodbank SCIO

Drummond Laurie CA
Unit 5
Gateway Business Park
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Grangemouth
FK3 8WX

## Contents of the Financial Statements
## for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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| **TRUSTEES** | [redacted] |
| **PRINCIPAL ADDRESS** | Unit 1<br>Tamfourhill Industrial Estate<br>Falkirk<br>FK1 4RT |
| **REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER** | SC043763 |
| **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER** | Drummond Laurie CA<br>Unit 5<br>Gateway Business Park<br>Beancross Road<br>Grangemouth<br>FK3 8WX |
| **BANKERS** | Bank of Scotland<br>PO Box 1000<br>BX2 1LB |

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It was registered as a charity on 6 February 2013 and incorporated as a SCIO on 15 March 2016.

Falkirk Foodbank SCIO will be referred to as Falkirk Foodbank throughout the financial statements.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Objectives and aims

The SCIO is established for charitable purposes only, and in particular, the objects are:

- the prevention or relief of poverty in Falkirk and surrounding areas in particular but not exclusively by providing emergency food supplies to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty; and

- to provide services to people who have need of them by reason of their age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage by signposting them to additional support services.

The prevention or relief of poverty is to be achieved principally through the provision of food stuffs and essential groceries.

This is our charitable objective but it is important that interested parties have a clear understanding of what we do and how we do it.

### Significant activities

A person or family (our clients) can only access support from the Falkirk Foodbank i.e., a food parcel when we receive an agreed referral reason from one of our approved referral agents. There are currently over 140 referral agents. Referrals are logged through our database management system provided by Trussell. Throughout the year improvements to this system have provided us with more accurate information, especially for reporting purposes.

We provide a supply of nutritional food to last for around 7 days. When available, we add any fresh products that we have in stock. Where there is a known dietary issue, we seek to accommodate this. We also provide for Halal, Vegetarian, Gluten Free etc., as and when available. We also can supply baby foods, milk, nappies, and wipes. We always try and provide for people's pets, (mainly cats and dogs), so that people need not skip meals in order to feed their pets.

Normally, all food, hygiene products and animal foods are donated to the Foodbank. Monetary donations are also used to purchase supplies and fuel for deliveries. Donations are made by individuals, churches, superstores, and other voluntary agents on a regular basis. We own four vans and deliver weekdays except Wednesdays.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Public benefit

We have referred to the guidance contained in OSCR's general guidance on public benefit and we have regard to it when reviewing our aims and objectives, and in planning our future activities.

The key objective of the foodbank continues to be the prevention and relief of poverty of individuals and families within the Falkirk District.

Benefits and Beneficiaries;

In accordance with its charitable objectives, Falkirk Foodbank continues to prevent and relieve poverty of individuals and families in the Falkirk area. The SCIO's principal beneficiaries are, therefore, the local general public. The main benefit provided to the general public is food and other necessary items where appropriate.

Trustees' Assessment of Public Benefit;

In monitoring the progress of the SCIO in terms of delivery of public benefit, the trustees use the following measures of success and gather evidence accordingly:
- Number of clients that have been fed;
- Volume of food delivered to our clients; and
- Feedback from our clients.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

### Charitable activities

During 2024/25, we have fed 6,957 people with 2,165 of them being children. We were able to provide unrivalled support for families facing food poverty either on the day of request or within two days. This is made possible through the generosity of committed donors.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Financial position

During the year, Falkirk Foodbank received £91,718 (2024: £100,339) of cash donations, grant income and other income.

The income and existing funds have been used to fund £78,738 (2024: £99,868) of expenditure incurred by the Falkirk Foodbank in the financial year.

Net surplus for the financial year was £12,980 (2024: £471). Net surplus excluding depreciation would have been £38,708, (2024: £31,732).

Falkirk Foodbank has a strong balance sheet with reserves of £213,426 (2024: £200,446) including cash balances of £127,409 (2024: £133,951).

### Reserves policy

At 31 March 2025 unrestricted funds amounted to £210,419 (2024: £200,446). The unrestricted funds will be applied to meet the ongoing costs of the charity and the charity aims to hold unrestricted cash reserves to meet one year's expenses.

Any grants that are received for a specific purpose are allocated to restricted funds and these funds total £3,007 (2024: £nil).

**FUTURE PLANS**
In July of 2024 we appointed a full-time Manager on a fixed term 2-year contract. It is our hope to be able to extend this, dependent upon finances.

With the assistance of guidance issued by Trussell we have completed the update of policies and good practice guidance.

Maintenance work has been ongoing, and the Foodbank is now wind and watertight. Electric motors have been fitted to the roller doors, and CCTV has been installed along with further intruder alarms to increase security at the facility.

Since our last report one Trustees has retired and a new Trustee was appointed in October 2024. We hope to further recruit an additional trustee in the coming months. We also remember with gratitude volunteers who have retired or sadly passed away.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**
**Governing document**
Falkirk Foodbank has a written constitution lodged with OSCR and the operational processes are detailed therein. If anyone wishes to examine this they can make an appointment to view this at our operational base in Tamfourhill at a mutually convenient time.

**Organisational structure**
In the simplest form the SCIO allows for a management tier (the Trustees) overseeing an operational tier under the leadership of the Manager who co-ordinates the running of the centre and volunteers. The process for nomination as a potential Trustee is detailed within the constitutional documents.

**Risk management**
The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ........26/09/2025........ and signed on its behalf by:

[redacted]

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Falkirk Foodbank SCIO

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages six to twelve.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's report**
My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 9/10/2025

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | 31.3.25 Total funds £ | 31.3.24 Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM** | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | 88,468 | 3,250 | 91,718 | 100,339 |
| **EXPENDITURE ON** | | | | | |
| **Charitable activities** | | | | | |
| Activities of foodbank operation | | 78,495 | 243 | 78,738 | 99,868 |
| **NET INCOME** | | 9,973 | 3,007 | 12,980 | 471 |
| **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 200,446 | - | 200,446 | 199,975 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD** | | 210,419 | 3,007 | 213,426 | 200,446 |

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | 31.3.25 Total funds £ | 31.3.24 Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FIXED ASSETS** | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 5 | 30,785 | 3,007 | 33,792 | 56,268 |
| **CURRENT ASSETS** | | | | | |
| Stocks | 6 | 52,788 | - | 52,788 | 11,053 |
| Cash at bank | | 127,409 | - | 127,409 | 133,951 |
| | | 180,197 | - | 180,197 | 145,004 |
| **CREDITORS** | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 7 | (563) | - | (563) | (826) |
| **NET CURRENT ASSETS** | | 179,634 | - | 179,634 | 144,178 |
| **TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES** | | 210,419 | 3,007 | 213,426 | 200,446 |
| **NET ASSETS** | | 210,419 | 3,007 | 213,426 | 200,446 |
| **FUNDS** | 8 | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | 210,419 | 200,446 |
| Restricted funds | | | | 3,007 | - |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | | | | 213,426 | 200,446 |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ............26/09/2025... and were signed on its behalf by:

[redacted]

The notes form part of these financial statements

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Tangible fixed assets**
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

| | | |
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| Motor vehicles | - | 25% on cost |
| Equipment | - | 25% on cost |

**Stocks**
The charity holds stock which has been donated from local businesses and the general public. At the year-end, a stock count is performed and this is included at estimated replacement value.

**Taxation**
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.



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## 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

| | 31.3.25 | 31.3.24 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Donations | 77,838 | 90,251 |
| Grants received | 13,880 | 10,088 |
| | 91,718 | 100,339 |

Donations are comprised of:

- personal donations of £43,236 (2024: £55,937)
- church donations of £13,708 (2024: £11,350)
- donations from local businesses and voluntary organisations - £20,894 (2024: £22,964)

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

| | 31.3.25 | 31.3.24 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Tesco grant | 7,222 | 8,223 |
| Asda grant | 3,408 | 1,865 |
| Falkirk Council grant | 3,250 | - |
| | 13,880 | 10,088 |

## 3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

## 4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds |
|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| **INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM** | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 100,339 | - | 100,339 |
| **EXPENDITURE ON** | | | |
| **Charitable activities** | | | |
| Activities of foodbank operation | 99,868 | - | 99,868 |
| **NET INCOME** | 471 | - | 471 |
| **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 199,975 | - | 199,975 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD** | 200,446 | - | 200,446 |



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**5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

| | Motor vehicles £ | Equipment £ | Totals £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **COST** | | | |
| At 1 April 2024 | 125,042 | - | 125,042 |
| Additions | - | 3,250 | 3,250 |
| At 31 March 2025 | 125,042 | 3,250 | 128,292 |
| **DEPRECIATION** | | | |
| At 1 April 2024 | 68,774 | - | 68,774 |
| Charge for year | 25,483 | 243 | 25,726 |
| At 31 March 2025 | 94,257 | 243 | 94,500 |
| **NET BOOK VALUE** | | | |
| At 31 March 2025 | 30,785 | 3,007 | 33,792 |
| At 31 March 2024 | 56,268 | - | 56,268 |

**6. STOCKS**

| | 31.3.25 £ | 31.3.24 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Stocks | 52,788 | 11,053 |

**7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

| | 31.3.25 £ | 31.3.24 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Other creditors | 563 | 826 |

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

| | At 1.4.24 £ | Net movement in funds £ | At 31.3.25 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 200,446 | 9,973 | 210,419 |
| **Restricted funds** | | | |
| Falkirk Council grant | - | 3,007 | 3,007 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 200,446 | 12,980 | 213,426 |



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## 8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 88,468 | (78,495) | 9,973 |
| **Restricted funds** | | | |
| Falkirk Council grant | 3,250 | (243) | 3,007 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 91,718 | (78,738) | 12,980 |

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

| | At 1.4.23 £ | Net movement in funds £ | At 31.3.24 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 199,975 | 471 | 200,446 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 199,975 | 471 | 200,446 |

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 100,339 | (99,868) | 471 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 100,339 | (99,868) | 471 |

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

| | At 1.4.23 £ | Net movement in funds £ | At 31.3.25 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 199,975 | 10,444 | 210,419 |
| **Restricted funds** | | | |
| Falkirk Council grant | - | 3,007 | 3,007 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 199,975 | 13,451 | 213,426 |



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**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 188,807 | (178,363) | 10,444 |
| **Restricted funds** | | | |
| Falkirk Council grant | 3,250 | (243) | 3,007 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 192,057 | (178,606) | 13,451 |

**9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**10. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

The charity is under the control of its Board of Trustees.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

| | 31.3.25 | 31.3.24 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| **INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS** | | |
| **Donations and legacies** | | |
| Donations | 77,838 | 90,251 |
| Grants received | 13,880 | 10,088 |
| | 91,718 | 100,339 |
| **Total incoming resources** | 91,718 | 100,339 |
| **EXPENDITURE** | | |
| **Charitable activities** | | |
| Management | 19,442 | - |
| Electricity | 9,398 | 10,309 |
| Upkeep of premises | 9,668 | 5,988 |
| Delivery van running costs | 5,160 | 4,780 |
| Postage and stationery | 3,966 | 6,228 |
| Equipment and fit out costs | 2,813 | 3,295 |
| Stock movement | (41,735) | 879 |
| Supplementing warehouse stock | 31,441 | 27,058 |
| Telephone | 1,754 | 898 |
| Sundries | 4,441 | 2,241 |
| Insurance | 6,662 | 6,931 |
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | 25,728 | 31,261 |
| | 78,738 | 99,868 |
| Total resources expended | 78,738 | 99,868 |
| **Net income** | 12,980 | 471 |

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements